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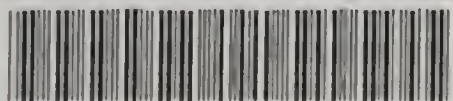
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OF THE
FOUNDERS AND PATRIOTS
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CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS AND
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OFFICERS OF THE NEW YORK
SOCIETY OF THE ORDER OF THE FOUNDERS AND PATRIOTS
OF AMERICA.

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NEW YORK SOCIETY OF THE
Order of the Founders and Patriots
♦
OF AMERICA.

ELECTED AT THE FIRST ANNUAL MEETING AT
HOTEL NORMANDIE, APRIL 24,
1896.

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For Two Years.

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CLARENCE LYMAN COLLINS, NEW YORK

For One Year.

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73. FREDERIC AUGUSTUS RAUCH BALDWIN.
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75. WILLIAM C. RUSSELL.
76. WARREN SANFORD BANKS.
77. JOHN CROCKER FOOTE.
78. WILLIAM REED EASTMAN.

Articles of Incorporation.

City, County and State of New York, ss.

We the undersigned, John Quincy Adams, William W. Goodrich, Edward N. G. Greene, Henry Hall, Howard Marshall, Henry Lincoln Morris, Ralph E. Prime, Howard Sumner Robbins, Charles W. B. Wilkinson, natural persons, all of full age, all citizens of the United States, and all of us residents of the State of New York, do hereby certify; that we have hereby associated ourselves together, and hereby form a corporation under the laws of the State of New York, that the particular objects for which the corporation is to be formed are; (1) to bring together and associate congenial men, whose ancestors struggled together, for life and liberty, home and happiness, in this land when it was a new and unknown country, and whose line of descent from them, comes through patriots, who sustained the colonies in the struggle for independence in the Revolutionary War; (2) to teach reverent regard for the names and history, character and perseverance, deeds and heroism, of the founders of this country and their patriot descendants; (3) to teach that the purpose of the founders could have had no lasting result, but for their patriot sons; (4) to inculcate patriotism in the associates and their descendants; (5) to discover, collect, and preserve records, documents, manuscripts, monuments, and history relating to the first

colonists and their ancestors and their descendants ; (6) to commemorate and celebrate events in the history of the colonies and the Republic ; (7) and other historical and patriotic purposes. That the name of the said Corporation shall be "The New York Society of the Order of the Founders and Patriots of America" ; that the territory in which the operations of said corporation are to be principally conducted is the United States of America ; that the city in which the principal office of said corporation is to be located, is the City of New York ; that the number of the directors of said corporation who shall also be known by the name of "councillors," and who shall manage the affairs of the corporation shall be nine ; that the names of the persons to be such directors (and who shall also be known by the name of "councillors") until the first annual meeting of said corporation and the places of residence of each of them, are as follows :

Names of Directors (Also called Councillors.)	Place of residence of each respectively set opposite his name.
JOHN QUINCY ADAMS,	101 W. 89th St., New York City.
WILLIAM W. GOODRICH,	924 President St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
EDWARD N. G. GREENE,	315 Clinton Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.
HENRY HALL,	Corner 59th St. & 5th Ave., New York City.
HOWARD MARSHALL,	93 Halsey St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
HENRY LINCOLN MORRIS,	33 W. 12th St., New York City.
RALPH E. PRIME,	63 Hawthorne Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.
HOWARD SUMNER ROBBINS,	101 W. 81st St., N. Y. City.
CHARLES W. B. WILKINSON,	12 W. 46th St., N. Y. City.

That the time for the holding of the Annual meeting of the said Corporation shall be the nineteenth day of April in each year ; that the persons above named, being the incorporators and such persons as shall be ac-

cepted by them, and whose eligibility shall be approved by them, and such other persons as shall be admitted to membership according to the laws of the state and the laws and rules to be adopted by the said corporation shall compose, and shall be members of said corporation; that the qualification for membership to said corporation shall be, that the member is descended from an ancestor who settled in this country in the period between May 13, 1607 and May 13, 1657 inclusive, and that his intermediate ancestors who lived in the period of the Revolution adhered as Patriots to the cause of the Colonies.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and made, subscribed and acknowledged this certificate, the sixteenth (16th) day of March, 1896.

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS,	HENRY LINCOLN MORRIS,
WM. W. GOODRICH,	RALPH E. PRIME,
EDWARD N. G. GREENE,	HOWARD S. ROBBINS,
HENRY HALL,	CHARLES W. B. WILKINSON,
HOWARD MARSHALL.	

City, County and State of New York, ss :

On this sixteenth day of March, 1896, before me personally came John Quincy Adams, William W. Goodrich, Edward N. G. Greene, Henry Hall, Howard Marshall, Henry Lincoln Morris, Ralph E. Prime, Howard S. Robbins, Charles W. B. Wilkinson, all to me personally known and known to me to be the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing certificate or instrument in writing and severally acknowledged that they executed the same.

[Seal]	WM. BARKER,
	Notary Public, N. Y. Co.

I, Jackson O. Dykman, a Justice of the Supreme Court, in and for the second Judicial District of the State of New York do hereby make this my approval of the making and of the filing of the foregoing and annexed certificate of incorporation of the "New York Society of the Order of the Founders and Patriots of America."

Dated at White Plains the 17th day of March, 1896.

J. O. DYKMAN, J. S. C.

(Endorsed)

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION of
The New York Society of the Order of the Founders
and Patriots of America.

State of New York.

Office of SECRETARY OF STATE.

Filed and recorded Mar. 18, 1896.

ANDREW DAVIDSON,

Deputy Secretary of State.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
Office of the Secretary of State } ss.

I have compared the preceding with the original Certificate of Incorporation of The New York Society of the Order of the Founders and Patriots of America filed and recorded in this office on the 18th day of March, 1896, and do hereby certify the same to be a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original.

WITNESS, my hand and the Seal of Office of the Secretary of State, at the City of Albany, this 18th day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

[Seal]

JNO. PALMER,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
City and County of New York } ss.

I, Henry D. Purroy, Clerk of the said City and County, and Clerk of the Supreme Court of said State for said County, Do CERTIFY that I have compared the preceding with the original Certificate of Incorporation of "The New York Society of the Order of the Founders and Patriots of America," on file in my office, and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole of such original.

Endorsed, filed and recorded March 18th, 1896, 1 H., 28 M.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal, this 19th day of March, 1896.

[Seal]

HENRY D. PURROY,
Clerk.

Preamble.

Recognizing Almighty God as guiding our ancestors to this land, to establish of their descendants, not a Colony, but an independent sovereign Christian nation, destined by Him to occupy a commanding place among the nations of the earth, and to protect and defend liberty in all the Western Hemisphere, and recognizing that the foundations of the nation were laid in the perils and hardships of the first fifty years by our ancestor settlers of that period, rather than in the years that followed, and recognizing that necessary to that end for which our ancestors came was a patriot progeny in the time of the Revolutionary struggle, out of which our country came to be independent and our nation came into being, for ourselves and those who may associate with us, we have formed an Association founded on descent from such ancestry and through their patriot descendants, and to that end, adopt the following ;

Constitution.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

SECTION I. The name of the Association is the
“Order of the Founders and Patriots of America.”

ARTICLE II.

OBJECTS AND PURPOSES.

SECTION I. The object or purpose of the Order is,

1. To bring together and associate congenial men, whose ancestors struggled together for life and liberty, home and happiness, in this land, when it was a new and unknown country, and whose line of descent from them, comes through patriots who sustained the Colonies in the struggle for independence in the Revolutionary War.

2. To teach reverent regard for the names and history, character and perseverance, deeds and heroism, of the founders of this Country and their patriot descendants.

3. To teach that the purpose of the founders could have had no lasting result but for their patriot sons.

4. To inculcate patriotism in the associates and their descendants.

5. To discover, collect and preserve records, documents, manuscripts, monuments and history relating to the genealogy and the history of the first Colonists and their ancestors and their descendants.

6. To commemorate and celebrate events in the History of the Colonies and the Republic.

7. Other historical and patriotic objects and purposes.

ARTICLE III.

ORGANIZATION.

SECTION 1. The Order consists of,

1. A General Court to be known as the General Court of the Order of the Founders and Patriots of America.

2. A society of the Order in each State, District or Territory of the United States, and in such Foreign State or Country in which it may be planted, each of which, prefixed with the name of the political division in which located, is to be known as The——Society of the Order of the Founders and Patriots of America.

3. Such other societies of the Order as may be formed by the division of one society of the Order into two or more societies of the Order as authorized by this Constitution.

ARTICLE IV.

MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. The members of the Order shall be called "Associates."

SECTION 2. All Associates of the Order shall be active members, of a society of the Order.

SECTION 3. Any man of the age of twenty-one years, of good moral character and reputation, and a citizen of the United States, is eligible to membership in the Order, who is lineally descended in the male line of either parent, from an ancestor who settled in any of the Colonies, now included in the United

States of America, from the settlement of Jamestown, May 13, 1607, to May 13, 1657, inclusive, and whose intermediate ancestors at the call of the Colonists, adhered as patriots to their cause through the Revolutionary War that followed, and which ended with the independence of the Colonies.

SECTION 4. The Sons of any Associate who shall have obtained membership under the foregoing Section 3, of this Article, shall also be eligible to membership, provided they shall be of good moral character and reputation and citizens of the United States.

SECTION 5. No person shall be admitted an Associate of the Order, without previous investigation into, and ascertainment of his qualifications for membership, and each society may by by-law provide for the manner of such investigation and ascertainment, and of the mode of election of the members of such society.

SECTION 6. Any person who shall have obtained membership by intentional misrepresentation or concealment, as to his qualification for membership, or who shall be guilty of any violation of the Laws of the Order, or who shall be guilty of conduct unbecoming a gentleman or a patriot or a good citizen, after due inquiry and hearing, may be expelled from membership in the Order. Any person who shall have obtained membership by an innocent but material misstatement or nonstatement, may, after due inquiry and hearing, be dropped from membership in the Order. Any member who shall have obtained membership as the son of an actual member in the Order, may, after due inquiry and hearing, be dropped from membership in case it shall appear that the parent was not qualified for membership.

SECTION 7. Payment of the initiation fee and one year's dues and signing the Constitution, either in person or by proxy, all within three months after notice of election to membership, shall be necessary to consummate such membership and omission so to do, shall *ipso facto* make void the election of the member.

SECTION 8. An Associate of one society of the Order may be transferred to another society of the Order upon his written request, accompanied by a letter of recommendation and dimission from the society from which transferred, and under such regulations as the society to which he seeks transfer may prescribe.

SECTION 9. Membership in two or more societies, by the same person, may be authorized and regulated by by-laws.

SECTION 10. The General Court, and each society of the Order, may elect such associates as shall have rendered distinguished service to the Country, or to the Order, to be Honorary Associates.

SECTION 11. Honorary Associates of the Order, and all such associates as shall commute their dues for life, shall be Life Associates of the Order.

ARTICLE V.

INSIGNIA, RIBBON, ROSETTES, DIPLOMA AND SEAL.

SECTION 1. Within twelve months after the adoption of this Constitution, the General Court or the Council General, or the body acting as, and exercising the powers of either, shall fix, designate, adopt and describe, the Insignia of the Order, the Ribbon of the Order, the Rosette of the Order, the Diploma of the Order, and the Seal of the General Court, and shall promulgate the same to the Order, and thereafter the same may from time to time be changed, but only by

the General Court at an annual meeting and by a five-sixths affirmative vote of all the votes cast, such vote being taken by societies.

SECTION 2. The Insignia, the Ribbon, the Rosette, and the Diploma, shall only be issued from and by authority of the General Court of the Order, under such regulations as it from time to time may prescribe.

SECTION 3. Within six months after the organization of any society of the Order, such society or its Council shall fix, designate, adopt and describe the Seal of such society, and thereafter the same may from time to time be changed, but only by the society by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting at an annual meeting.

ARTICLE VI.

THE FOUNDERS OF THE ORDER.

SECTION 1. Those persons, nine in number, who on the 16th day of March, 1896, subscribed the Certificate of Incorporation of The New York Society, which is the parent Society, and formed the Order, are hereby recognized as the Founders of the Order, and so long as they remain members of a society of the Order, shall also be members of the General Court.

ARTICLE VII.

THE GENERAL COURT.

SECTION 1. The General Court shall consist of the Founders of the Order, also all actual and all past Governors General, Deputy Governors General, Chaplains General, Secretaries General, Treasurers General, Attorneys General, Registrars General and Historians General of the General Court; also all actual Councilors General during their respective terms of office;

also all actual Governors, Deputy Governors, Chaplains, Secretaries, Treasurers, States Attorneys, Registrars and Historians of the several societies of the Order during their respective terms of office, provided however, that no person shall be a member of the General Court, unless he shall be at the time a member in good standing in one of the societies of the Order,

SECTION 2. The officers of the General Court shall be a Governor General, a Deputy Governor General, a Chaplain General, a Secretary General, a Treasurer General, an Attorney General, a Registrar General, and a Historian General, each to hold office for one year, and until his successor is elected and installed, and nine Councilors General, and each Councilor General shall hold office for three years and until his successor is elected and installed, provided however, that the General Court shall divide the Councilors General first chosen into three classes; one class to serve one year, one two years, and one three years, and until their successors are elected and installed. The Councilors General shall also be the Directors of the Order, and meeting together, constitute the Board of Directors of the General Court, without whose consent no debt can be incurred or continuing obligation entered into by the General Court, or the Council General. All the officers of the General Court shall constitute the Council General. All such officers shall be chosen at the annual meeting of the General Court. If more than one candidate is nominated for an office, that office must be filled by ballot.

SECTION 3. Any officer of the General Court may be removed from office in such manner as shall be provided by by law.

SECTION 4. The annual meeting of the General

Court shall be held on the 13th day of May in each year, or at such other time after that date, but as near as may be thereto, as the Council General may determine. The General Court shall hold such other meetings as it may determine by by-law, rule, order or resolution.

SECTION 5. The powers and duties of the officers of the General Court, and of the Council General shall be such as usually belong to such officers by name of the office and such as shall be conferred by by-law, or may be conferred by the General Court or the Council General.

SECTION 6. Until three societies of the Order are constituted and organized, the "New York Society of the Order of the Founders and Patriots of America," as a Society or through its Council, shall exercise all the power and authority of the General Court, and shall act as the General Court, and its officers shall act as the officers of the General Court. When three societies of the Order are constituted and organized, the Council of that Society shall fix a time and place for the first meeting of the General Court, and cause notice by mail to be given to all members thereof.

SECTION 7. The General Court shall have and exercise the following powers:

1. The chief executive, legislative and judicial powers within the order.
2. To entertain, hear and decide all appeals and complaints by any society, or by any associate, and to regulate the cases in which appeals may be taken.
3. To advise any society concerning any question arising under the Constitution, or the By-laws, of the Order when asked by such Society.
4. Upon application of any nine Associates of the

Order, residing in any State, District, Territory or Country by Charter to constitute them, and those whom they may admit, pursuant to the laws of the Order, into a society of the Order for the political division in which they reside and give to such society a name, and fix a time and place for the first meeting.

5. In its discretion to divide one society of the Order into two or more societies of the Order, whenever the associates of such society shall exceed one hundred in number, and application for such division be made by the society or by associates thereof equal to one-third of all its associates, and to give to each divided society a name, which may be taken from a part of the political division in which located, or a city therein, and to divide the property and the associates of the society among the divided societies and to regulate and direct the organization and fix times and places for the first meeting of each, subject to the limitations of this Constitution, and on such division to issue to each of the divided societies, a charter, or to all but one thereof, which one, it may see fit to allow to retain the name, identity, and charter of the society before the division.

6. To issue all diplomas of membership and all insignia and rosettes.

7. To provide, and to order, and direct the form, and on such terms as it shall fix, issue to the societies of the Order, blank applications for membership and regulate the use thereof.

8. To require from the societies of the Order such reports and returns and statistics of associates, of funds, and of other information, and the payment of assessments, as it shall from time to time order and prescribe or assess.

9. To cancel, recall or suspend the charter of any

society of the Order for failure to obey the Constitutional requirements of the General Court, or for failure to exercise its rights and privileges, or for violation of any law of the Order.

SECTION 8. In General Court, each member thereof shall have one vote, except that when any nine members shall demand that a vote be taken by societies, each member shall then have one vote and each society shall have as many votes as it has returned associates, to be divided as near as may be equally among the members of the General Court who are associates of the society and to be cast by them severally.

SECTION 9. The expenses of the General Court shall be provided by a pro rata assessment upon each of the societies of the Order according to its respective number of associates, and the General Court or Council General may enforce payment thereof.

SECTION 10. No officer of the General Court shall be eligible to election successively to the same office for more than two terms.

SECTION 11. The Headquarters and principal business office of the Order shall be in the City of New York.

ARTICLE VIII.

SOCIETIES OF THE ORDER.

SECTION 1. The Founders of the Order, and all such persons as have been accepted by them and whose eligibility has been approved by them, are the charter associates of, and shall constitute the society of the Order in the State of New York, and shall be known by the name of the "New York Society of the Order of Founders and Patriots of America." Other members of any society of the Order shall be chosen

and admitted as shall be provided by this Constitution and by by-law.

SECTION 2. Other societies of the Order may be constituted by the General Court as herein provided. Each society, except the New York Society, exists by virtue of its charter. No society of the Order shall have power to incur any debt or enter into any continuing obligation except on its own behalf and not on behalf of the Order, nor on behalf of the General Court.

SECTION 3. The officers of each society of the Order shall be a Governor, a Deputy Governor, a Chaplain, a Treasurer, a Secretary, a States Attorney, a Registrar, an Historian, each to hold office for one year and until his successor is elected and installed, and nine Councilors, and each Councilor shall hold office for three years, and until his successor has been elected and installed, provided however that the society shall divide the Councilors first chosen into three classes, one class to serve one year, one two years, and one three years, and until their successors are elected and installed. The Councilors of each society of the Order shall be the Directors thereof, and shall together constitute a Board of Directors, without whose consent no debt can be incurred nor continuing obligation entered into on behalf of the society of the Order of which they are Directors. All the officers shall constitute the Council. Any officer of a society of the Order may be removed from office, as shall be provided by by-law. All the officers shall be elected at the annual meeting. If more than one candidate is nominated for the same office, that office must be filled by ballot.

SECTION 4. The powers and duties of the officers and of the Council, are such as are prescribed in this

Constitution and in the By-laws of the Order. Each society of the Order may also confer other powers and duties upon its own officers and its own Council.

SECTION 5. Each society of the Order shall hold an annual meeting on the 19th day of April, in each year, or at such other time after, and as near as may be thereto, and at such place as its Council shall determine; also such other meetings as each society for itself shall determine.

SECTION 6. No officer of a society of the Order shall be eligible to election successively to the same office, for more than two terms.

ARTICLE IX.

FUNDS.

SECTION 1. The initiation fee and annual dues shall be fixed by by-law.

SECTION 2. Any Associate may commute his annual dues by paying at any time a sum equal to ten years' annual dues, and shall become a life member. All life members are exempt from payment of dues.

ARTICLE X.

MISCELLANEOUS.

SECTION 1. All notices, required by the Constitution, or by any by-law of the Order, or of any society, may be given personally to the person to be notified, or by leaving at his place of residence or of business, or by mail to him at his ordinary or last known address or by mail to any address he shall have given, with his application papers, or afterward to the secretary of his society.

SECTION 2. Provision shall be made by By-law for

defining when, and how, vacancies in office shall occur and for filling same, also for filling of offices when the same shall not have been accepted within a time to be specified after election.

SECTION 3. Any society of the Order may organize chapters of its members to consist of not less than nine associates.

ARTICLE XI.

ARREARS.

SECTION 1. Any Associate in arrears for six months' annual dues, shall not hold office in the Order, sit in the General Court, or vote in any society. Each society may, by by-law, provide for the suspension, or dropping from the rolls, after reasonable notice and an opportunity to be heard, of any associate in arrears for dues, after they shall be due and payable for one year, and for the removal of the suspension thereof. Absence from a place where reasonable notice could reach him shall be a waiver of notice.

ARTICLE XII.

AMENDMENTS.

SECTION 1. The Preamble of this Constitution shall never be changed or dispensed with. The Constitution shall always require as a qualification of membership, an ancestor who settled in the first fifty years, and that all intermediate ancestors who lived in the Revolutionary Period, shall have adhered as patriots to the cause of the Colonies.

In other respects, this Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the General Court by a five-sixths vote of all the votes cast, the vote being

taken by Societies, and the amendment having been proposed by one society of the Order, and notice thereof having been given by it to the Secretary General and by him having been given to the Secretary of each other society of the Order, at least one month before the annual meeting of the General Court.

By-Laws

OF THE ORDER OF THE FOUNDERS AND PATRIOTS OF
AMERICA.

OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL COURT.

SECTION I. The GOVERNOR GENERAL shall be the official head of the Order, and shall perform such duties as shall pertain to that office. He shall preside at all meetings of the General Court and at meetings of the Council General, and perform all duties that usually pertain to a presiding officer.

The DEPUTY GOVERNOR GENERAL shall, in the absence of the Governor General, perform his duties, and exercise his powers. In the absence of the Governor General and Deputy Governor General from a meeting, a chairman pro-tem. shall be chosen to preside.

The SECRETARY GENERAL shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the General Court and also of the Council General; shall have charge of the Constitution and By-laws, Seal and General Records of the General Court and Council General. He shall give due notice to each member of the General Court of its meetings and to the members of the Council General of its meetings. He shall conduct the general correspondence of the Order under the direction of the Governor General, and perform such other duties as may be required of him by the General Court, or by the Council Gen-

eral. He shall make report in writing at the annual meeting of the General Court, and at such other times to the General Court or the Council General as the General Court or the Council General shall require.

The TREASURER GENERAL shall collect and receive all funds belonging to the General Court and deposit the same to the credit of the Order in such manner as the Council General may direct. He shall give such bond as may be required by the Council General. He shall pay out moneys only as the General Court or the Council General shall order. He shall make a full and classified report in writing, of moneys received and paid out, at the annual meeting of the General Court and at such other times as the General Court or Council General may direct. He shall keep full and accurate account in books to be the property of the Order, which shall be open to the inspection of any officer of the General Court at any time.

The ATTORNEY GENERAL shall be the general law officer of the General Court. He shall have charge of and supervise the proceedings relating to the formation of subordinate societies.

The REGISTRAR GENERAL shall have custody of all duplicate applications for membership, shall examine the same, approve and disapprove thereof, and advise the Registrar of the society of the Order from whom they come, of such approval or disapproval, and the reason thereof when disapproved, and when approved, he shall give a number in the Order to the applicant. He shall keep a roll of all members of the Order, the society to which each belongs, the residence of each, and his number in the Order. He shall make full report in writing at each annual meeting of the General Court, and at such other times as required by the

General Court or the Council General, and perform such other duties as the General Court or the Council General may require of him.

The HISTORIAN GENERAL shall have custody of all Historical documents, patriotic documents, documents and papers relating to the genealogy and history of the first Colonists and their ancestors and their descendants, which may be in the possession of the General Court, or which may be loaned to the General Court, all under the supervision of the General Court or under its control. He shall make a full report in writing at the annual meeting of the General Court, and at such other times as the General Court or the Council General may direct. He shall perform such other duties as the General Court or the Council General shall direct.

The CHAPLAIN GENERAL shall perform such religious services as may be called for by the General Court or the Council General.

THE COUNCIL GENERAL.

SECTION 2. The COUNCIL GENERAL shall have and possess and exercise all the powers and authority of the General Court when the General Court is not in session, except such powers as by the Constitution must be exercised by the General Court. Five members is a quorum of the Council General, except that when money is appropriated or action taken affecting property, and for such purpose a majority of the Council General is a quorum. Meetings of the Council General may be called by the Governor General, and at the request of five members must be called by the Secretary General, and the Council General may by rule, order, or resolution, or otherwise provide for its

own meetings and the times and places thereof. The Council General may remove from office any officer of the General Court, for any violation of the laws of the Order, or for conduct unbecoming a gentleman, a patriot, or a good citizen, but only after an opportunity to be heard, and pending the matter it may suspend the officer and devolve his duties on another officer. The Council General shall fill all vacancies in offices of the General Court, until the annual meeting of the General Court.

In case any person elected to an office in the General Court shall fail to file with the Secretary General within one month after notice, by mail, of his election, an acceptance in writing of the office, the Council General shall appoint a member of the General Court to fill the office until the next annual meeting of the General Court.

MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL COURT.

SECTION 3. Meetings of the General Court shall be held as it shall order, and also as same may be called by the Council General. Nine members shall constitute a quorum.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETIES OF THE ORDER.

SECTION 4. The GOVERNOR shall preside at all meetings of his society, and of the Council thereof, and perform all such duties as usually pertain to a presiding officer. He shall appoint all committees unless otherwise ordered. He shall perform such other duties as the Society or the Council shall direct.

The DEPUTY GOVERNOR in the absence of the Governor shall perform his duties and shall exercise his powers. In the absence of the Governor and Deputy

Governor from a meeting a chairman pro-tem. shall be chosen to preside.

The SECRETARY shall keep the minutes of all meetings of his society and of the Council thereof, in books to be the property of the Society. He shall have charge of the Charter, Constitution and By-laws, Certificate of Incorporation, Seal and Records of his society and the Council thereof. He shall keep a roll of associates of his society, and a mailing address book for the post-office addresses of members. He shall give due notice to each associate of his society of its meetings and to the members of the Council thereof of its meetings. He shall keep a book of the Constitution and By-laws to be signed by all associates of his society. He shall conduct the general correspondence of his society, under the direction of the Governor. He shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by his society or its Council. All the books and papers kept by him or in his charge officially shall be the property of the society. He shall make full report in writing at the annual meeting of his society, and at such other times as it or its Council shall require.

The STATES ATTORNEY shall be the general law adviser of his society, and perform such other duties as it or its Council shall require.

The TREASURER shall collect and receive all funds belonging to his Society and shall deposit the same to the credit thereof in such manner as its Council may direct. He shall give such bond as may be required by the Council. He shall pay out moneys only as his society or its Council shall order, to be made only upon check, signed by him and countersigned by the Secretary. He shall notify all members of their election

and collect from all members their fees and dues. He shall notify the Council and also the Secretary of all associates in arrears for six months, also of the failure of a person elected to membership to pay his fee and dues within three months. He shall make full and classified report in writing of moneys received and paid out, at the annual meeting of his society and at such other times as it or its Council shall direct. He shall keep full and accurate accounts in books to be the property of the Society, which shall be open to inspection of any officer at any time.

The REGISTRAR shall have custody of all applications for membership and shall issue the same as required and provided by the Council. He shall receive the duplicate applications for membership, and examine, approve or disapprove thereof, and certify them in order and report thereon, either to the society or to its Council, or to a committee of the society, or otherwise as by by-law the society may have required. Before and after such report he may require of the applicant for membership correction of his papers or further proofs. He shall notify the Secretary and also the Treasurer of each member elected, and of his residence, place of business and post-office address, and of the date of election. Upon the election of any member, he shall endorse upon the duplicate application, the date of the election, and forward one duplicate to the Registrar General and retain for the society the other duplicate causing the same to be bound into books as the Council may direct. He shall deliver to the Historian all such historical information as shall accompany applications for membership after applications have been accepted. He shall perform such other duties as his society or its Council shall order. He

shall report in writing at the annual meeting of his society, and at such other times as the Society or its Council shall direct.

The HISTORIAN shall have custody of all historical documents and patriotic documents and documents and papers relating to the genealogy and history of the first Colonists, their ancestors and their descendants, belonging to the Society or its Council or loaned to it or under its control. He shall also edit and publish such books, documents and papers as the society or its Council shall direct. He shall act as Necrologist. He shall make a report in writing at the annual meeting of the society and at such other times as the society or the Council shall direct.

Each Society may provide for other Officers and for a Deputy or Assistant to any Officer of the Society but no such Officer becomes a member of the General Court nor of the Council of his Society but shall have such powers and perform such duties as his Society shall provide.

THE COUNCILS OF SOCIETIES OF THE ORDER.

SECTION 5. The Council of each society of the Order shall exercise the powers of the society, when the society is not in meeting, except such powers as must be exercised by the Society itself. It may appoint committees not herein provided for and prescribe their duties. Five of its members is a quorum of the Council, except that when money is appropriated or action affecting property is taken, and for such purpose a majority of the Council is a quorum. Meetings of the Council may be called by the Governor of the Society, and at the request of five associates must be called by the Secretary, and each Council may by rule, order,

resolution or otherwise, provide for its own meetings and the time and place thereof. The Council may remove from office any officer for any violation of the laws of the Order, or for conduct unbecoming a gentleman, a patriot or a good citizen, but only after an opportunity to be heard, and pending the matter it may suspend the officer and devolve his duties on another officer. The Council shall fill all vacancies in offices of its society until the next annual meeting of the Society.

When the Society shall have elected an officer, if within ten days after notice by mail of the election he shall fail to file his written acceptance with the Secretary, the Council shall appoint an associate of the society to fill the office until the next annual meeting of the Society.

MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES OF THE ORDER.

SECTION 6. Meetings of a society of the Order shall be held as it or its Council shall direct. Nine associates shall constitute a quorum.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF SOCIETIES.

SECTION 7. In the election of officers of the societies of the Order, if only one associate be in nomination for an office, the election to fill that office may be by a *viva voce* vote, or by show of hands, but if more than one is nominated for any office the election for that office must be by ballot. Nominations for office may be made orally at the meeting. Written nominations may be made by any five associates of a society by notice in writing, subscribed by them, and delivered to the Secretary at least twenty days before the annual meeting, and the Secretary must cause all

such nominations in writing to be printed and a copy mailed to each associate of his society at least ten days before the annual meeting. At the annual meeting, as the first order of business, the presiding officer must appoint three tellers who must immediately prepare a poll to receive ballots for all officers to be elected thereat by ballot. No associate in arrears for six months shall be allowed to vote. A majority of the persons voting shall be necessary to elect. Associates not present may vote by proxy. No proxy shall be made to any officer or to a candidate for an office, and no associate shall be allowed to cast votes on more than ten proxies, but the associate executing the proxy may authorize him to whom the proxy is given, to substitute any other associate to cast the vote. Should any meeting adjourn, without effecting the election of an officer proper to be elected thereat, the Governor, or in case of no call by him within five days thereafter, the Council within ten days thereafter shall call a special meeting to complete the election.

VACANCIES IN OFFICE.

SECTION 8. Vacancies in Office, both in the General Court and in the Societies of the Order, shall occur by reason of death, resignation to the Secretary of the Society or Secretary General of the General Court, ceasing to be an Associate of the Order, suspension from membership. An Office in a Society shall also become vacant by transfer of the Officer to another Society.

MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 9. (a) Every applicant for membership, must apply in writing and in duplicate. His applica-

tion must state his age, residence, occupation, place of business, and his post office address, and such other matters and things and information as the Council General shall direct, and must be recommended by two associates, and the application must be presented to the Registrar of a society of the Order, and shall be accompanied by such historical information concerning his Colonial Ancestor and those in the line of descent to himself, as the society shall request, and the application shall be examined, as the By-laws of the particular society shall require, to ascertain the qualifications of the applicant, and when ascertained, shall be reported, approved or disapproved, either to the society or to its Council or to one of them, for election, as the By-laws of such society shall provide. (b) Such election must be by ballot, and one negative ballot in every five cast, or five negative ballots in all shall reject the applicant, and he cannot again apply for membership within one year thereafter, nor to any other society than that in which rejected, without its consent. (c) Upon the election of any member, one of the duplicates of the application papers shall be forwarded to the Registrar General, and upon paying the initiation fee and one year's dues, and signing the Constitution and By-laws in person or by proxy, the membership is consummated and the name of the associate shall be enrolled in the Society in which elected and he shall thereby become an associate therein. (d) Any associate who shall join in the application for the organization of a new Society of the Order, by his notice in writing to the Secretary General or other officer acting as such, may elect to retain his membership in the Society in which he is enrolled at the time of the application, and also to become a

member of the new Society. (e) Any associate, a member of a Society of the Order which is divided into two or more Societies of the Order, by his notice in writing to the Secretary General or other officer acting as such, within one month after the division, may elect to become a member of one or more of the divided Societies besides that Society to which he is assigned by the division. (f) Each Society of the Order may by By-law provide for admitting to dual membership, and for the enrolling in its membership of associates, members of other Societies, and the manner and the terms on which they may be so admitted. (g) Associates are liable to pay dues in all the several Societies in which they are members. (h) An associate, a member of more than one Society, may resign his membership in any Society, and in the same manner and on the same terms as he may withdraw from membership in the Order.

WITHDRAWAL.

SECTION 10. Any associate in good standing, not in arrears or otherwise indebted to the society or the Order, may withdraw from membership in the Order by written notice to the Secretary and Treasurer of the society in which he is enrolled

DISCIPLINE.

SECTION 11. Each society shall provide for and regulate the censure, suspension or expulsion of its members, and for the suspension and termination of membership for non-payment of dues or otherwise.

FEES AND DUES.

SECTION 12. The initiation fee shall be five dollars and the annual dues to be paid by all but life

and honorary associates, shall be five dollars, to be paid on notice of election to membership, and thereafter shall be due and payable on the 19th day of April in each year, provided that the dues paid by an associate upon his election to membership after January 1st, and before April 19th, in any year, shall be in full of annual dues to April 19th, of the year following.

AMENDMENTS.

SECTION 13. These By-laws may be amended at any meeting of the General Court by a two-thirds vote of all the votes cast, the vote being taken by Societies.

By-Laws

OF THE NEW YORK SOCIETY OF THE ORDER OF THE FOUNDERS AND PATRIOTS OF AMERICA.

SECTION 1. The headquarters of this Society is in the City of New York.

SECTION 2. Associates of the Order shall in this Society be elected by the Council.

SECTION 3. There shall be a membership committee of five to be elected by the Society at the annual meeting in each year, and the vacancies therein shall be filled by the Council from time to time as they occur.

SECTION 4. Applications for membership when examined and certified in order by the Registrar shall be delivered by him to the Committee on Membership, which committee, assisted by him, shall investigate and ascertain the qualifications of the applicant and only upon their unanimous approval shall report be made thereon. When so approved the membership committee shall make report to the Council and thereupon the Council must determine by ballot if the applicant shall be elected to membership.

SECTION 5. Charges against an Associate for any cause under the Constitution and By-laws, must be in writing, signed by two Associates and addressed to the Council. The Council shall consider the same, and if deemed material, shall fix a time and place for hearing, cause notice to the accused person, to be served either personally or by leaving at his residence, or place of business, or by mail, at which time and place the ac-

cused must answer the same, orally, or in writing, and the Council shall make its own rules and procedure and shall hear such proofs as may be offered, and be the absolute judge of the competency and materiality of the evidence, may adjourn from time to time the hearings, and if they find the charges to be true, may inflict punishment provided for by the Constitution.

SECTION 6. If any Associate shall be in arrears for dues for three months after notice, the Treasurer shall report the same to the Council, which shall cause notice to be given to the person in arrears, that if not paid within one year from the time when dues became due and payable, he will be liable to suspension. At any time within such year he may appear, and be heard before the Council and the Council shall have the power to remit such dues, or extend the time of payment, and at the expiration of such year, or such further time, if granted, the Council may order him to be suspended or to be dropped from the rolls of membership. An Associate when suspended for one year may be dropped from the rolls. An Associate suspended may be restored by the Council. A member dropped from the rolls may be restored by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at any meeting of the Society.

SECTION 7. Any Associate of another society of the Order desiring to transfer his membership to this society or to be enrolled as a member of this society of the Order, as well as in the society in which already enrolled, in either case, must apply therefor in writing. In each case his application must be accompanied by a certified copy of his application papers on which he was admitted to membership in the Order, and in case of his application to transfer, must also be accompanied

by his letter of recommendation and dimission, and his application shall be delivered to the Registrar, who, if he finds the papers in order, shall submit the same to the membership committee, and upon their approval he shall be enrolled as a member of this society. Any associate who holds dual membership, in this and in any other society at the same time, shall pay dues to this society in same manner as though he was enrolled in this society only.

SECTION 8. Upon application in writing of nine associates of this society, residing in any locality, the council may constitute them into a chapter, which shall be authorized to make By-Laws for its own government and to admit other members thereto, but no person other than an associate of this society shall become a member thereof.

SECTION 9. The Council of the Society shall, at its first meeting after the annual meeting of the Society, appoint the following committees of the Society, each to consist of five members:

1. An Installation Committee.
 2. An Auditing Committee.
 3. An Historical Committee.
 4. A Nominating Committee.
 5. An Entertainment Committee,
- and from time to time may prescribe their duties.

SECTION 10. These By-laws may be amended at any meeting of the society by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, the amendment having been recommended by the Council, or proposed by five members, and a copy of the recommended or proposed amendment with notice of the meeting, having been given all the Associates of the Society ten days before such meeting.



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